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PASS TO WILLIAM HENDRICKS, NTSB, CENTRAL INVESTIGATION
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SUBJ: JUDICIAL INQUIRY -- RICARDO LOZANO STATEMENT INCLUDES
REFERENCES TO JOE LEO; OTHER REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES

REF: BRIDGETOWN 2321 AND PREVIOUS

1. SESSION TODAY DWELT ON BARBADOS POLICE OFFICIALS'
INVESTIGATION IN TRINIDAD AND CARACAS. READ INTO EVIDENCE
WERE STATEMENTS OF SIX PERSONS IN TRINIDAD, AND TWO
STATEMENTS EACH TAKEN FROM RICARDO LOZANO AND LUGO
WHILE IN CUSTODY IN TRINIDAD, AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS AND
OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
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AGAINST CUBA OBTAINED FROM VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS FROM

BUSINESS PREMISES OF LUIS POSADA. A LONGER REPORT OF SESSION FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL, AS WELL AS COMPLETE TEXT OF RICARDO LOZANO AND LUGO STATEMENTS. I INCLUDE BELOW PORTIONS OF RICARDO LOZANO STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 9 WHICH CONTAIN REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES. HIS SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 10, AND LUGO'S OF OCTOBER 9 AND 11, CONTAIN NO REFERENCES TO U.S., EXCEPT FOR TWO STATEMENTS OF LUGO THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW JOE LEO. QUOTED PORTIONS OF RICARDO LOZANO'S OCTOBER 9 STATEMENT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO TRIP HE TOOK LIMA-NICARAGUA IN U.S. ARMED FORCES C130 AND CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE WITH JOE LEO, WHOM HE BELIEVES TO BE CIA AGENT.

2. QUOTED PORTIONS FOLLOW:

"MY CORRECT NAME IS HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO. MY I.D. CARD NUMBER IS 3821507 (VENEZUELAN). THE NAME UNDER WHICH I AM INCORRECTLY REGISTERED IN MY PRESENT PASSPORT IS JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA. I AM TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. I AM NOT MARRIED. I WAS BORN IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA. MY PRESENT HOME ADDRESS IS: AVENIDA LA COLINA, EDIFICIO: MARIADOR, 2 PISO, NO. 26, LOS CHAGUARAMOS, CARACAS, VENEZUELA. MY HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 6617578. I AM A FREELANCE NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER BY OCCUPATION. I ALSO HAVE A PERMANENT JOB WITH 'INVESTIGACIONES COMERCIALES E INDUSTRIALES C.A. (ICI C.A.)'. THE ADDRESS OF THIS FIRM IS: CALLE VALENCIA, QUINTA MARIANINA, LAS PALMAS, CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

"I HAVE BEEN SHOWN A COPY OF MY PRESENT PASSPORT WHICH IS INCORRECT. THE NUMBER OF THIS PASSPORT IS V3140806 AND IT IS IN THE NAME OF JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA. THE I.D. NUMBER OF THIS INCORRECT PASSPORT IS V3140806. THIS I.D. NUMBER DOES NOT BELONG TO ME AND I PRESUME THAT IT PERTAINS TO THE BEARER OF THE PASSPORT, NAMELY JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA.

"WITH MY PREVIOUS PASSPORT I TRAVELLED TO COLOMBIA IN 1972 AND TO CHILE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1973. I WAS SENT BY THE NEWSPAPER 'EL MUNDO' TO REPORT ON THE FALL OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE OF CHILE. I TRAVELLED FALSELY TO LIMA, PERU AND WAS THEN TRANSPORTED VIA AN AIRCRAFT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S.A. (C130) TO NICARAGUA TO REPORT ON THE EARTHQUAKE IN THAT COUNTRY. I TRAVELLED WITH A SPECIAL PASSPORT OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS REGISTERED IN CARACAS IN THE TRAVEL REGISTER. I ALSO TRAVELLED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND VIRGINIA IN 1974 WITH THIS PASSPORT WHICH EXPIRED IN 1974. I WAS ISSUED A NEW PASSPORT AFTER THAT BUT IT WAS LOST. THE FINGERPRINT IN MY PRESENT PASSPORT IS NOT MINE AND I DON'T KNOW TO WHOM IT BELONGS. I NEVER TRAVELLED WITH THE NEW

PASSPORT WHICH HAD BEEN ISSUED TO ME AND WHICH I LOST. THE
NUMBER OF THIS PASSPORT WAS 3821507. THE PASSPORT AND
I.D. CARD ALWAYS BEAR THE SAME NUMBER AND NEVER CHANGE.
MY LOST PASSPORT BORE MY FINGERPRINT.

"MY PRESENT INCORRENCT PASSPORT WAS ISSUED EN CARACAS,
VENEZUELA, ON JUNE 6, 1976. I APPLIED FOR THIS PASSPORT.
I FILLED OUT A SLIP OF PAPER WITH MY NAME, I.D. NUMBER AND
BS. 75 WORTH OF STAMPS. AS I WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT A
FRIEND OF MINE WHOM I KNOW ONLY AS CARLOS AND WHOM I BELIEVE
WORKS WITH THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE ARRANGED EVERYTHING FOR
ME. AS EVERYONE KNOWS MUCH CONTACT IS NEEDED TO GET THINGS
DONE IN VENEZUELA. I BELIEVE THAT THE REASON FOR THE MIX-UP
WITH MY PASSPORT WAS DUE TO THE LACK OF DATA ON ME. I
RECEIVED MY PASSPORT FROM MY FRIEND CARLOS IN THE IMMIGRATION
OFFICE IN EL SILENCIO IN CARACAS. . . .

"THE NAME OF MY BOSS IN ICI C.A. IN CARACAS IS LUIS
POSADA. IN ONE OF THE NOE-BOOKS WHICH WAS TAKEN
FROM ME APPEARS THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MR. JEO
LEO WHO IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.S.A.
EMBASSY IN VENEZUELA. I BELIEVE THAT HE IS ALSO A MEMBER
OF THE C.I.A. I MET MR. LEO THROUGH SOME NEWSPAPER FRIENDS
OF MINE ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO AND WE BECAME CLOSE
FRIENDS AFTER THAT. TWO YEARS AGO I TOOK SOME PHOTOGRAPHS
FOR HIM OF A DIPLOMATIC SOCIAL FUNCTION.....

"THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT IN-TRANSIT TO TRINIDAD THIS
MONTH BUT I PASSED THROUGH TRINIDAD IN-TRANSIT DURING THE
MONTH OF AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. THE PASSPORT WHICH
I USED WHEN I CAME TO TRINIDAD IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER WAS A
SPECIAL PASSPORT OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WHICH I LOST
AFTER THAT."

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